

## CLAIMS

### CLAIM 1

A blast attenuating, blast-directing and extinguishing apparatus, comprising of an open mouthed inner container housed within an open mouthed partially spherical outer container with a cavity defined between the two containers containing a fluid with extinguishing capabilities such as water, the wall of the outer container being of uniform thickness and the upper ends of the outer and inner containers being joined by a member having a number of apertures adjacent the mouth of the inner container.

### CLAIM 2

An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the apertures are covered by a membrane.

### CLAIM 3

An apparatus as claimed in claim 2 in which the membrane is formed by a thinning of the member.

### CLAIM 4

An apparatus as defined in any proceeding claim in which the apertures are inclined towards a central vertical axis of the apparatus.

### CLAIM 5

An apparatus as claimed in claim 4 in which the apertures are disposed in diametrically opposite pairs

### CLAIM 6

Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 substantially as in hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.